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report concerning the organization of civil defense in Győr. The report gives detailed information on the general organization of civil defense, with the locations of the normal and emergency headquarters, respectively. It also gives the locations of six aircraft observation posts in Győr and of 24 air-raid shelters. The report also gives information on civil-defense training in Győr and five personalities connected with civil defense there. The report includes two sketches, one showing the layout of the civil defense headquarters and the other the area surrounding the headquarters.

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Organization

1. Civil Defense Headquarters in Gyor are subordinate to the National Command of Civil Defense Forces (Legoltalmi Orszagos Parancsnoksag - LOP). In peacetime the headquarters are located in a suite of three rooms (No. 53) on the second floor of the municipality building, while in an emergency the headquarters are transferred to the cellar of a Benedictine monastery on Szechenyi Square. This part of the three-story stone building, which dates to 1800, was adapted as a shelter for monks and students in 1936. When the shelter was reconstructed as civil defense emergency headquarters in 1953, ceilings 70

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to 80 centimeters thick were added, increasing the height to 3.5 meters. Additional new features were interior walls and equipment. The installation is now classified as bomb and gas-proof.

Personnel

2. Following is the composition of the civil defense command in Győr:

- a. Since the chairman of the municipal council is automatically the commander of civil defense headquarters, the latter are nominally headed by a political appointee who is not necessarily versed in civil defense matters.
- b. Consequently, the actual commander is his first deputy, a captain in the regular army.
- c. A deputy for training (Kikepzési Eloado), who is a regular army lieutenant.
- d. A deputy for technical affairs (Muszaki Eloado), a second lieutenant, who is in charge of the construction, equipment, maintenance and mapping of shelters.
- e. A deputy for administration, a staff sergeant, who supervises equipment stocks, and the supply of rations to observation posts in time of emergency.

The last three officers constitute the staff of the command, and they have a typist, who is paid by the council, at their disposal.

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3. The heads of the following nine services complete the civil defense command:
- a. The patrol and observation service (Figyelo Felderito Szolgalat), which is the most important and the largest civil defense branch. Army radar posts relay information about the approach of enemy aircraft to the chief, who in turn passes it on to the observation post of the headquarters. The latter notifies the service of the direction of the aircraft, on the basis of which one of the five observation posts in Gyor is alerted.
 - b. The technical and ambulance service (Muszaki-Mento Szolgalat) which is in charge of rescuing people from damaged buildings or shelters, and clearing away debris. The staff consists of the town engineers and municipal services, as well as a bomb disposal squad.
 - c. The communication service (Hirado Szolgalat), with a staff of post office workers and radio engineers, supervises and maintains telephone and radio communications between the headquarters and its subordinate units.
 - d. The chemical defense service (Vegyvedelmi Szolgalat) is charged with the treatment of gas casualties, and decontamination. The branch is staffed by plant engineers, pharmacists and municipal health workers.

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- e. The air raid warning and blackout service (Riaszto Elsotetito Szolgalat)
 - f. The civil defense police service (Rendfemntarto Szolgalat) is responsible for enforcing blackout regulations in the event of an alert, as well as for guiding the population to shelter areas. Members of the municipal police force comprise the staff.
 - g. The fire service (Tuzvedelmi Szolgalat), composed of the municipal fire department plus recruits who have been specially trained for this purpose, extinguishes fires caused by bombs.
 - h. The medical service (Egeszsegugyi Szolgalat), responsible for treating wounded, is composed of physicians, nurses, pharmacists and Red Cross personnel.
 - i. The veterinary service (Allategeszsegugyi Szolgalat) is responsible for stray or wounded animals during an emergency.
4. A total of 1,500 persons, all of whom, with the exception of the firemen and fire fighters, have been rejected for active service, works for the Gyor civil defense service. ~~Summoned~~ for all of the personnel are kept ready for despatch in the safe of the civil defense command. The commander or his deputy can mobilize such personnel in the event of a class II alert (II Foku Keszultseg), when there is danger of surprise air attacks

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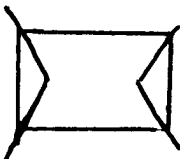
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and the recruiting center in Budapest has not had sufficient time to call up those concerned for a class I alert.

Location of Posts

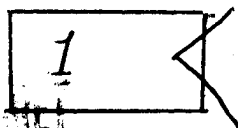
5. Following are the observation posts in Gyor:

- a. Headquarters observation post (Parancsnoki Figyelohely), the only one of its type, is located on the top of a tower called Pus-Pokvar Csonkatorony which was fitted for this purpose in 1951-1952. A reinforced concrete cupola was added which has windows permitting observation in all directions. The lookout crew is composed of a commander, his deputy who doubles as the radio operator, and four men. The post is equipped with two binoculars, and instruments for determining the direction and speed of the wind. Posts of this type are marked by the symbol



on civil defense maps.

- b. Elevated observation post No. 1 (1-es Szamu Magaslati Figyelo) is located in the tower of the municipal council building. The observation crew is composed of the commander, his deputy who is also the telephone operator, and two men. The post is equipped with one pair of binoculars. On maps it is marked with the following symbol¹




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- c. Elevated observation post No. 2 (2-es Szamu Magaslati Figyelo) is located in the Jozsef Church tower at No. 38 Kossuth Lajos Street in the Ujvaros suburb of Gyor.
 - d. Elevated observation post No. 3 (3-es Szamu Magaslati Figyelo) is located on the top of the water tower in the village of Revfalva, which has now been incorporated into Gyor municipality, six kilometers from the council building.
 - e. Observation post No. 4 (4-es Szamu Magaslati Figyelo) is located in the church tower of the Gyarvaros suburb.
 - f. Observation post No. 5 (5-es Szamu Magaslati Figyelo) is located in the Szentimreherceg church tower in the Nadorvaros suburb.
6. The commanders of the five observation posts have their headquarters in the shelters of their respective buildings. Each is/direct telephone communication with his lookout as well as with three patrols (Foldi Felderito Ors) which are on duty at different sectors within a one kilometer radius from the observation post (exact location unknown). A patrol detail is composed of two to five men and a commander. The patrol sector is marked on maps with the symbol  with the addition of a Roman numeral (I - V) to indicate the elevated observation post to which they belong; the figure (1-3) within the circle

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indicates the serial number of the patrol. Attached to each patrol is a defense section (Onvedelmi Csoport) composed of five to eight men. These sections are marked on maps by the symbol:

7. Gyor has about 500 public shelters, whose average capacity ranges from 50 to 300 persons. The largest shelters, totaling 50, are located in the center of the town. The locations of some of these shelters, all of which are in basements, and their capacities, are listed below.
 - a. The municipal council building - 300
 - b. The G-Emeletes Bernaz building on Sztalin Road, below entrance No. II - 150
 - c. The former Hilbert Palace - 150
 - d. The shelter in the cellar of the Part instructors' (sic) building, the former Finance Palace, accommodates 300 to 350 people. It has two entries, one from Sztalin Road and the other from Beloiannis Street.
 - e. The teachers' seminary on the corner of Bajcsy Zsilinsyki and Gardonyi Geza Streets - 150
 - f. The National Bank building, near the main post office on Bajcsy Zsilinsyki Street, has two shelters, each with a 100-person capacity.
 - g. A building at No. 30 Beloiannis Street - 50
 - h. A building at No. 21 Zsilinszky Street - 100

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- i. There are three shelters, each with a capacity for 150, in the cellar of a building at Nos. 1-5 Munkasci Street.
- j. In the Puspokvar Fortress, where the headquarters' observation post is also located, there are five separate shelters, each for 150 people. The strength of the ceilings, which are made of dirt, is six to seven meters.
- k. The industrial apprentices' school at No. 7 Kossuth Lajos Street - 150
- l. The parsonage at 13 Kossuth Lajos Street - 150
- m. A building at No. 48 or 50 Kossuth Lajos Street - 50
- n. A building at 18 or 20 Festo Street - 50 to 75
- o. The council building of the Gorkij housing project (Gorkij Telep) - 150
- p. A building at 15 Puskas Tivadar Street, in the industrial area - 150²
- q. The cold storage plant on Puskas Tivadar Street - 150
- r. A building at No. 1 Ady Endre Street, in the suburb of Revfalu - 100
- s. A building at No. 2 Ady Endre Street, Csermak House, in Revfalu - 150
- t. A building at No. 1 Ronai Jacint Street, Revfalu - 150
- u. A building on Kaloczi Street, suburb of Revfalu - 150
- v. The OTI building on the island of Gmor-Sziget - 150
- w. The Convent Palace at No. 2 Rat Matyas Square - 150
- x. A building at 9 Kletzar Road - 50 people

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Training

8. From September to June every year, evening courses in civil defense are held for groups of 40 to 45 persons. All members of the service are required to attend professional lectures at least once a month in one of the four branches described above. The duration of a lecture is about three hours.³ Four times a year gas mask training is held and people are required to spend half an hour in a gas chamber. Once a year general maneuvers take place in full dress (blue overalls), gas mask and full equipment (maps, field dressings, etc).
9. A LOP training school is housed in barracks located east of Gyor, about three kilometers from the famous crossroads restaurant called Megyeri Csarda, to the south of the road. Elderly persons, as well as youths who have been disqualified for active service receive training as civil defense instructors at the school. The barracks were built expressly for this purpose in 1957
10. The course, which includes basic infantry training, lasts two years. The training of civil defense commander at the Torzsparancsnokok Works (sic) takes six months, while the training of the heads of the professional service branches is of six weeks' duration.

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Personalities

11. The following personalities are known:

- a. Istvan Horvath [redacted] is the chairman of the Gyor municipal council and the civil defense commander. [redacted]

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- b. First Lieutenant Kobor (fnu) [redacted] is the deputy commander for training. [redacted]

- c. Second Lieutenant Jozsef Szigeti [redacted] is the civil defense deputy commander for technical affairs. [redacted]

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- d. Captain Istvan Szilagyi [redacted] is nominally the deputy commander of the Gyor civil defense organization, but is actually in charge. [redacted]

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- e. Staff Sergeant Ferenc Tubas is the deputy for administrative affairs.

12. Attached for your information is a sketch of civil defense headquarters in Gyor (A) and of the area surrounding the headquarters (B).

Comments:

1. The crew and equipment of the other four observation posts are similar to the first. Their symbols differ only in a change in the corresponding number.
2. Each factory in the industrial area has its own shelter.
3. The entire civil defense system was paralyzed at the outbreak of the revolt. Civil defense lectures were reinstituted in February 1957. In January 1957 LOP ordered that the goods stored in shelters during the revolt be removed so that they could again be prepared for use.

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Legend to sketch A

1. Entrance to civil defense operational headquarters (sealed airtight)
2. Gas filtering apparatus (electric boiler)
3. Corridor called Gaz-Folyoso. Smoking is permitted only in there.
4. Entrance to waiting room which can also be hermetically sealed
5. Waiting room with benches along the walls
- 6-7. Decontamination showers (Gazmentesito)
8. Corridor leading to wash room
- 9-10. Washroom
11. Civil defense store for gas masks, dressings and telephones
12. Telephone exchange with five extensions to elevated observation posts
13. Duty room for patrols and observers
14. Telephone exchange
15. Room for the remaining eight service branches. Each service has a desk and a telephone.
16. Commander's office

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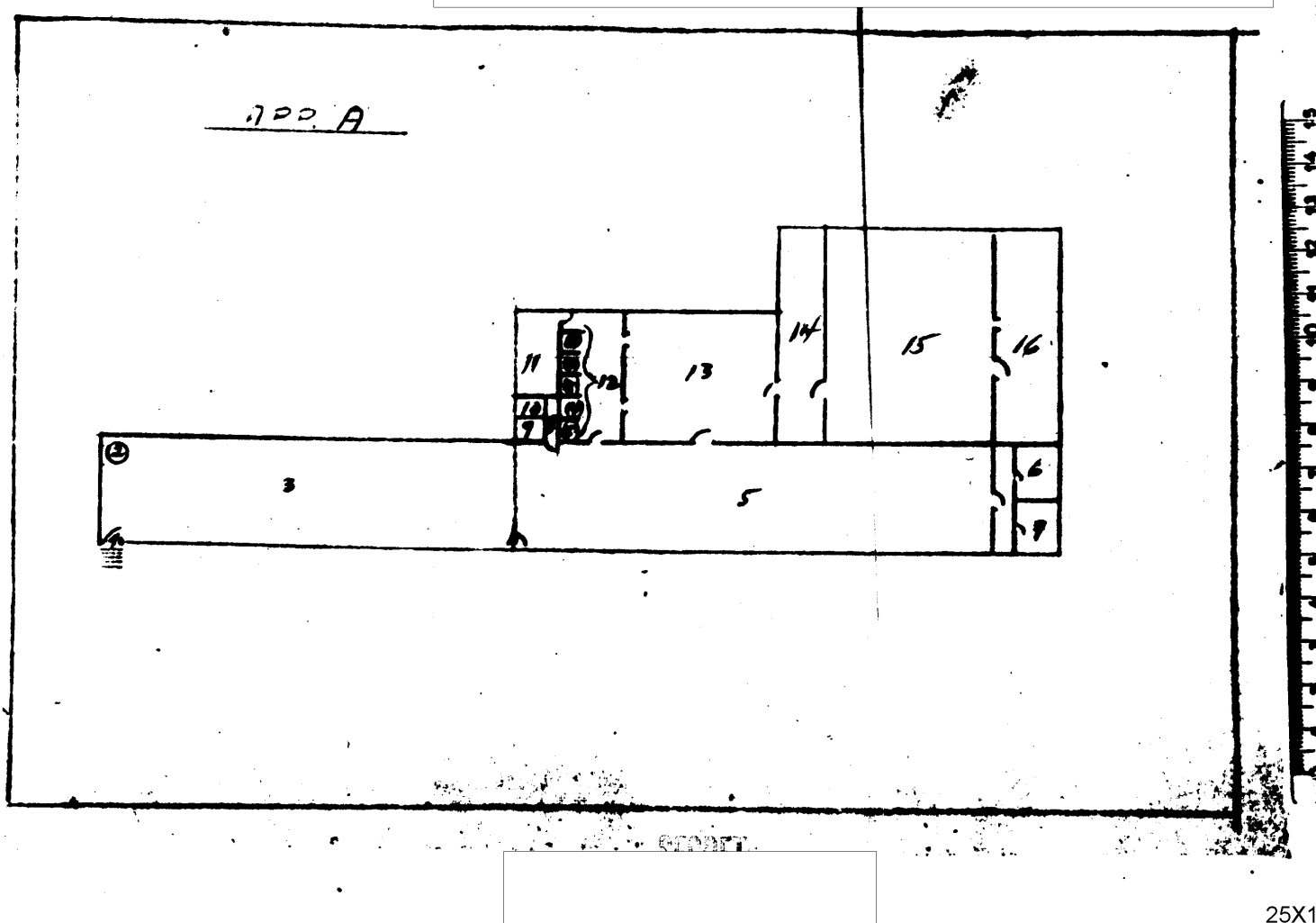
Legend to sketch B

1. Szechenyi Square
2. Cucor Gergely Street
3. Kisfaludy Street
4. Benedictine secondary school
5. Benedictine church
6. Church tower
7. Church tower
8. Benedictine monastery
9. Entry from Szechenyi Square
10. Additional entry from Kisfaludy Street
11. Court of monastery

Note: The broken lines indicate the civil defense operational headquarters in the cellar of the building.

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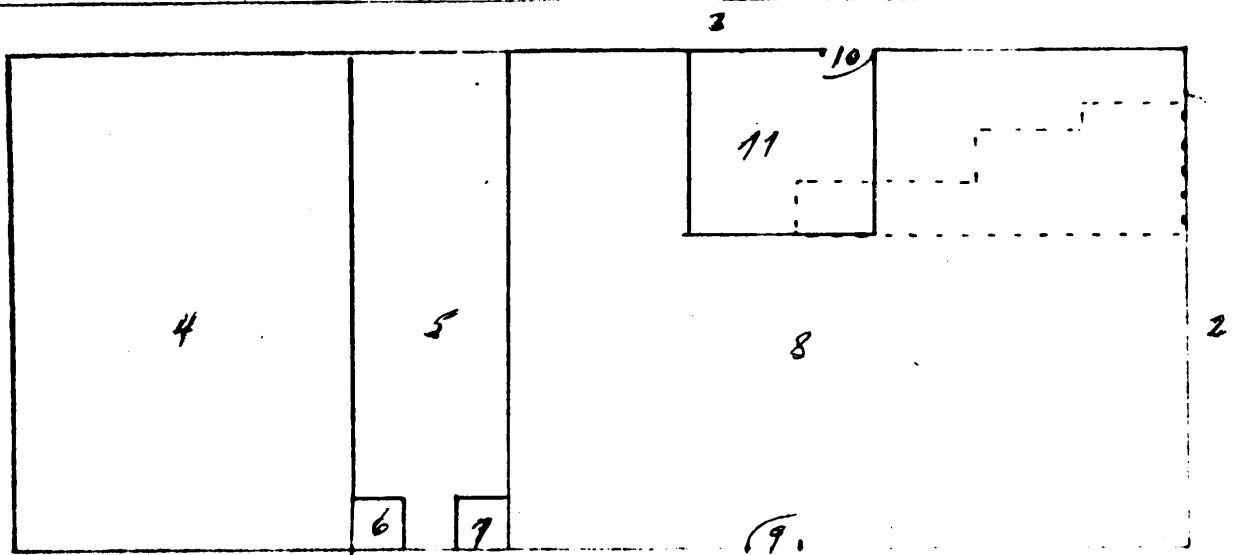


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